



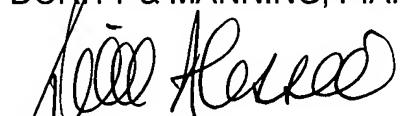
REMARKS

In summary, it is believed that the presently pending claims are in complete condition for allowance and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested. Should any issues or questions remain after a search of the prior art, however, then the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his or her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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